

COUNTY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA

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Bedford County Encourages Residents to Sign up for Emergency Notifications

Bedford, Va. (April 3, 2020) – Bedford County residents can now sign up to receive emergency notifications and other information via the "Alert Bedford" emergency notification system. Notifications can be received via landline, mobile phone, email, and text message.

Sign up today for alerts by visiting http://alertbedford.com. This page will bring you to a log-in screen. Select the "Sign Up" option at the top of the page in order to register.

If you have a listed landline number, please be aware that your landline will be automatically enrolled into the Alert Bedford system. The Bedford County Sheriff's Office will be calling all County landline numbers, beginning next week, with a recorded message to share information about the new Bedford County Call Center that was set up to manage non-emergency questions related to the COVID-19 situation. Residents with landlines should be expecting these phone calls next week.

Bedford County Call Center:

- This call center is set up to address non-emergency questions. Its mission is to help Bedford County residents feel as safe as possible, while connecting them with the resources that may address their needs.
- Dial 540-587-0720 or email <u>COVID19-BedfordHelp@BedfordCountyVA.Gov</u>. Phones will be answered Monday Friday between 9am and 5pm. A voicemail has been set up for calls that come in outside of those staffed hours. All emergencies should still dial 9-1-1.

Local Information Resources:

 For the latest updates on how COVID-19 is effecting our area, please visit https://www.bedfordcountyva.gov/about-bedford/covid-19

National and State Resources:

Citizens are also encouraged to visit the links below for the most current information.

- www.cdc.gov/COVID19
- http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/